

Impacting the World through Prayer

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I. Introduction. Praise is a common thread throughout the Bible.

II. Why we do not pray.

A. We do not pray as we should because we do not believe the Bible. (Luke 6, 22, Mark 9, John 17, I Thessalonians 1:2, II Timothy, Colossians 4:2, 4:3-4, Acts 16, 4:31, 12:12)

B. We do not pray as we should because we believe prayer is not effective. However, prayer is a person's lifeline to God.

III. Prayer is a battleground. Every step one takes toward God is going to be resisted. (II Corinthians 1:8-11)

IV. Prayer is the heart of life. (Philippians 1:6)

A. Prayer builds love.

B. Geography does not have to be a detriment to love. (Philippians 4:6)

C. Prayer should become a normal choice.

D. Prayer should be less of an event and more of a lifestyle.

V. Jesus ought to be the object of our prayer—we should embrace prayer in “Jesus’ name.”

VI. Prayer is a ministry to others.

VII. Tips: use a journal, make choices about when you will pray, ask God for what He wants you to pray.

Application questions:

1. How would you counsel someone who does not pray often?

2. For what are some battlegrounds that believers often neglect to pray?

3. How can you commit yourself to growing in the ministry of prayer in a practical way this week? Explain.
